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"OLD

SODBUSTER"

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AS TOLD BY GLEN ELMER MILES

Glen Norman ~~H~~. Miles
at
"The Home Place"

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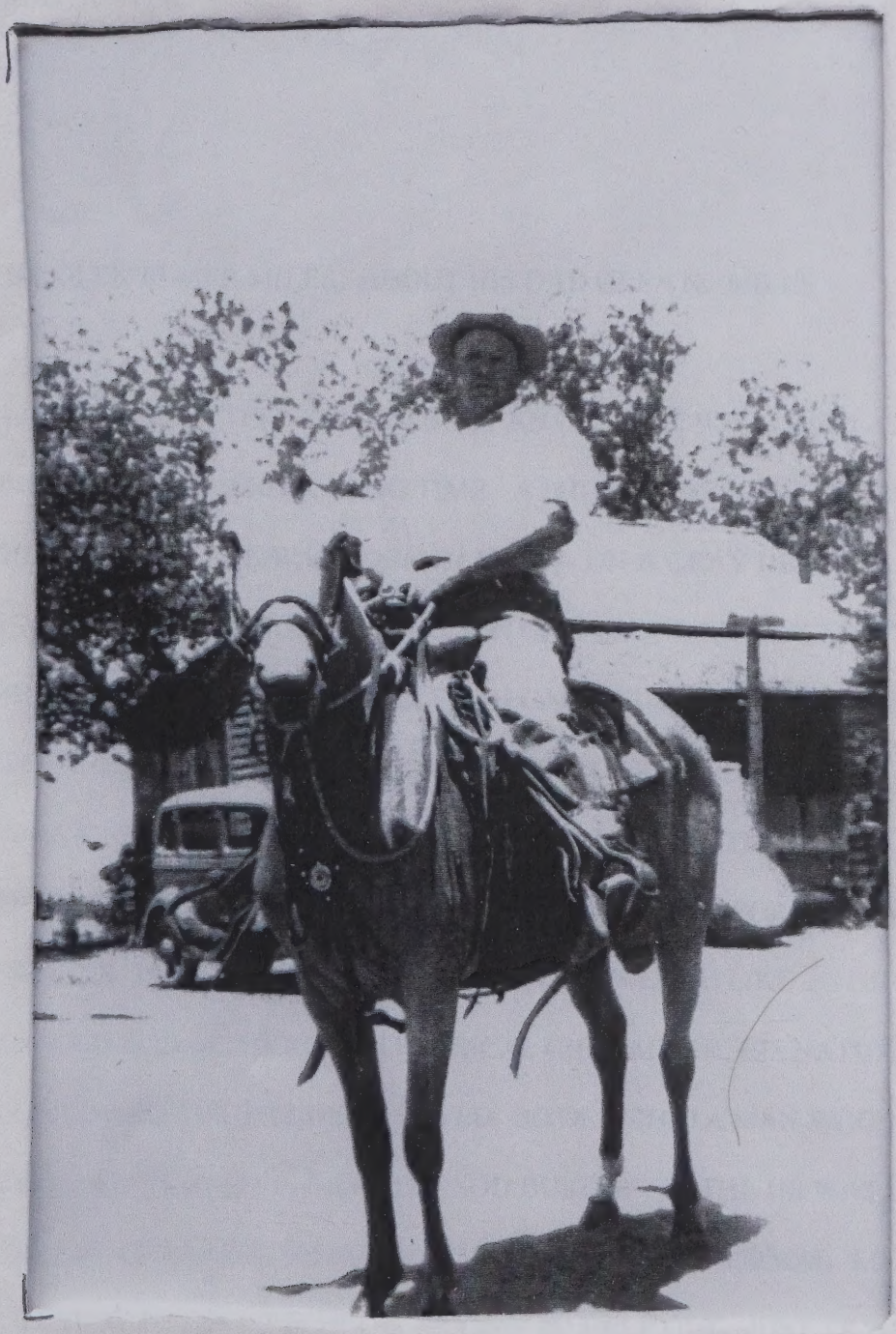
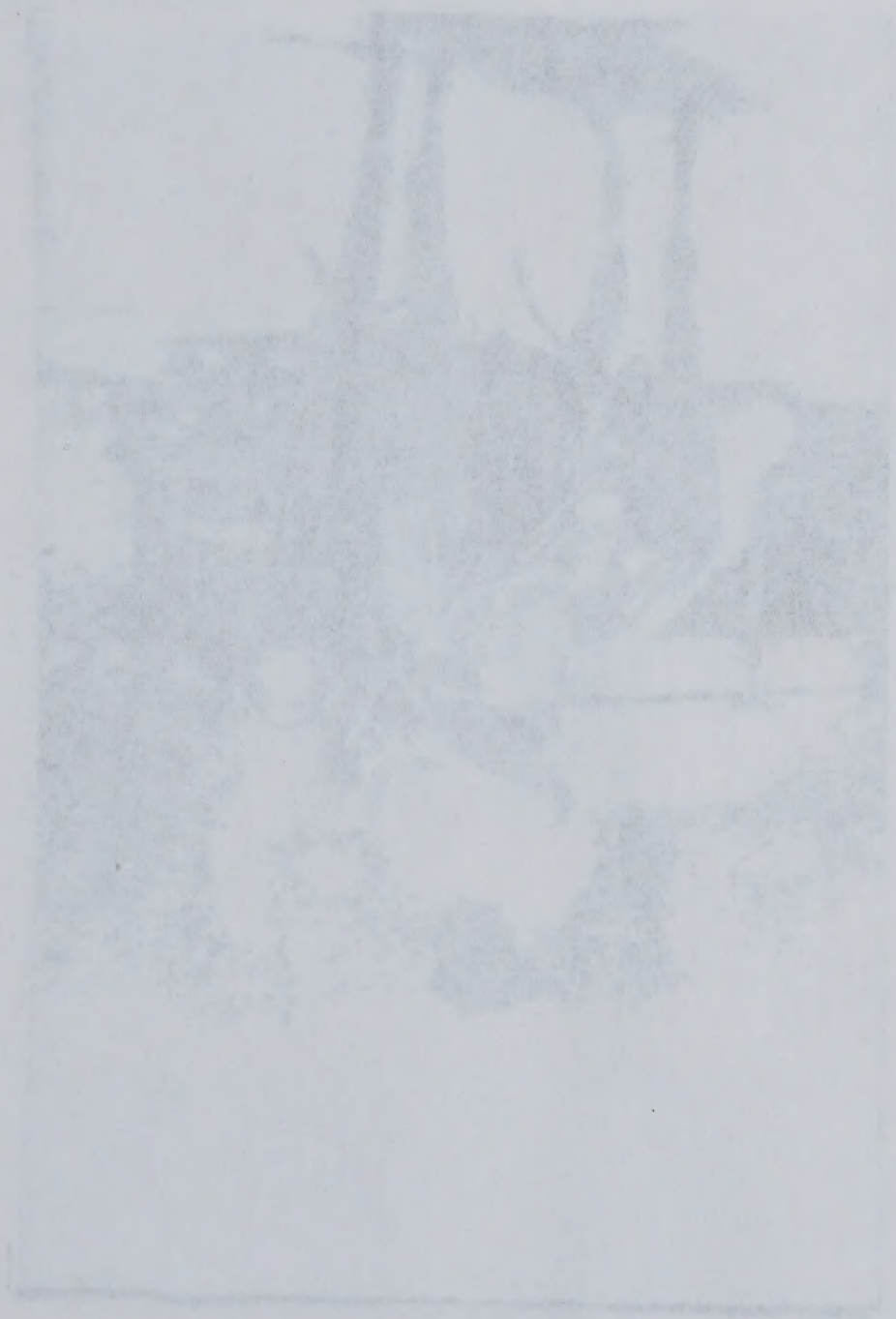




"THE OLD SOD BUSTER"

NARRATED BY GLEN ELMER MILES, ABOUT HIS DAD GLEN N. MILES

THE STORY I AM ABOUT TO TELL YOU IS ABOUT AN OLD MAN WHO LIVED A SHORT TIME, A LONG TIME AGO, AND A LONG TIME, A SHORT TIME AGO. HE LIVED 74 YEARS IN THIS CENTURY. HE WAS BORN IN 1906, --- ON A GRAY DECEMBER DAY (DEC 10). HE WAS A SON, THE NUMBER TWO SON OF A YOUNG FAMILY THAT MADE THERE HOME IN THE SAN JAUQUIN VALLEY IN CALIFORNIA. THIS WOULD BE IN FRESNO COUNTY BETWEEN THE TWO SMALL TOWNS OF RIVERDALE AND LATON. HIS DAD WAS A CARPENTER. HE BUILT OIL RIGS IN THE OIL FIELDS. HE COULD BUILD HOMES, HE COULD DO MOST ANY KIND OF CARPENTRY. FOR THE LACK OF SOMETHING BETTER TO SAY TO DESCRIBE THIS MAN, I WOULD LIKE TO GIVE HIM THE TITLE OF: "OLD SOD BUSTER". HIS PHYSICAL CHARACTER, HIS NATURE AND THE WAY HE LIVED AND THE THINGS HE LOVED, SO DEPICTED A MAN WHO TRULY LOVED THE SOIL, AND LOVED THE LAND. "SOD BUSTER", UNTIL HE WAS IN THE SIXTH GRADE OF GRAMMAR SCHOOL LIVED A FAIRLY NORMAL LIFE. HE STRUGGLED, TRYING TO GO TO SCHOOL, TRYING TO HELP OUT, JUST TRYING TO GET-BY THE BEST WAY HE COULD. "SOD BUSTER" WAS FAMOUS FOR HIS PHILOSOPHIES, AND HE LIKED TO TELL STORIES. HE LIVED BY A FEW OLD BASIC PRINCIPLES. HE DID NOT LIKE LARGE CROWDS OF PEOPLE, AND HE DID NOT LIKE

LARGE CITIES AND TOWNS. HE DIDN'T CARE FOR " FANCY GADGETS". HE LOVED THE SIMPLE- LIFE.------AND SO HE LIVED. WHEN "SOD BUSTER" WAS IN THE SIXTH GRADE, HIS FATHER PASSED AWAY FROM A LONG LINGERING ILLNESS. HE ALONG WITH HIS OLDER BROTHER HAD TO QUIT SCHOOL AND TAKE UP SOME TYPE OF WORK IN ORDER TO HELP TAKE CARE OF THE FAMILY, WHICH INCLUDED TWO YOUNGER BROTHERS AND HIS MOTHER..... WHAT "SOD BUSTER" STARTED DOING AT THE AGE OF ELEVEN OR TWELVE, WAS DRIVING A " TEAM" --- ---A TEAM OF HORSES. HE WORKED WITH GROWN MEN, OUT BUILDING ROADS IN THE SAN JAUQUIN VALLEY, CALIFORNIA. EVEN THOUGH HE WAS JUST A BOY AND HE HAD TO "BREAK IN" WITH GROWN MEN. I AM SURE THERE WERE EMBARRASSING MOMENTS AND SOME TOUGH TIMES-----BUT HE LOVED EVERY MINUTE OF IT. HE LOVED TO SEE THE LAND SCRAPPERS WORK THE LAND, AND PLOWS TILL THE LAND. IT DIDN'T SEEM TO MATTER WHETHER HE WAS BUILDING ROADS OR PLANTING A NEW CROP, AS LONG AS HE WAS WORKING THE GOOD EARTH AND HE WAS GOING TO MAKE IT A LITTLE BETTER FOR EVERYONE. HE LOVED TO START TO WORK EARLY IN THE MORNING. YOU COULD SEE THE SUN GLISTEN ON THE TEAMS OF HORSES. THE TUG-CHAINS WOULD TIGHTEN UP AS THEY BEGIN THERE DAYS WORK. IN THOSE DAYS THEY DID NOT WORK FROM EIGHT TO FIVE, AS WE DO TODAY, BUT FROM SUN UP TO SUN DOWN, --------FROM CAN TO CAN'T. -----AS LONG AS THEY COULD SEE, THEY CONTINUED TO WORK. HE LOVED THE COUNTRY SIDE AND HE KNEW IT WELL. HE MOST LOVED IT AT SUN RISE OR A LITTLE BEFORE. HE WAS VERY AWARE OF WHAT THE WEATHER PICTURE WAS FOR THAT DAY. HE HAD HIS OWN PERSONAL

PHILOSOPHY FOR A HOT DAY OR A COLD DAY, OR WHATEVER. HE ALSO LOVED THE SEASONS. HE DIDN'T NEED A CALENDAR TO TELL HIM WHAT TIME OF YEAR IT WAS. HE SIMPLY LOOKED AT THE LAND, AND THE GRASS AND THE FOLIAGE. AS HE USED TO SAY, IF THE GRASS WAS UP TO THE STOMACHS OF THE COWS ----------YOU KNEW IT HAD TO BE MARCH, OR APRIL, OR SOMETIME IN LATE FEBRUARY. BUT IF IT WAS ALL HOT AND DRY AND THE GRASS WAS BROWN , AND BEATEN TO THE GROUND , YOU KNEW WE HAD JUST COME THROUGH A LONG, HOT SUMMER--------- HE KNEW IT ALL. HE KNEW WHAT TO DO,--HOW TO DO IT,--AND WHEN HE WAS GOING TO DO IT------ AND MOST OF ALL HE ENJOYED DOING IT. AS I TOLD YOU BEFORE, AT THE BEGINNING OF THIS STORY, "SOD BUSTER" HAD SOME OF HIS OWN IDEAS ABOUT THINGS AND ABOUT LIFE. EVERYTHING WITH HIM WAS SO MUCH BASIC -----IT WAS RIGHT OR IT WAS WRONG. IF HE WAS YOUR FRIEND, HE WAS YOUR FRIEND. IF HE WAS YOUR ENEMY, HE WAS INDEED, YOUR ENEMY. IF HE WAS ONCE YOUR ENEMY, IT DID NOT MEAN THAT HE AT SOME TIME COULD NOT BECOME YOUR FRIEND. HE HAD A VERY DEFINITE IDEA ABOUT WHO HE LIKED, AND WHAT HE LIKED, AND HOW HE LIKED TO ASSOCIATE WITH PEOPLE.

AT THE AGE OF ABOUT TWENTY OR TWENTY ONE HE TOOK A WIFE AND BEGAN TO RAISE A FAMILY,---AND DOWN THROUGH THE YEARS HE HAD FIVE CHILDREN. HE HAD TWO SONS AND THREE DAUGHTERS. FOR THE MOST PART THEY WERE ALL BORN EITHER RIGHT ON THE RANCH (THAT STILL STANDS TODAY), OR NEAR BY. AS THE KIDS GREW, ONLY ONE, OR TWO STAYED AROUND AND STAYED CLOSE BY. MOST OF

THEM DECIDED AS THEY GREW UP, AND AS THERE TIME CAME TO TAKE THERE PLACE IN LIFE THEY CHOOSE TO MOVE ON AND LOOK ELSE WHERE, AND OFTEN TO PURSUE A DIFFERENT KIND OF LIFE. AT TIMES IT WAS VERY HARD FOR HIM TO SEE WHY THE CHILDREN DID NOT CHOSE TO LIVE THE KIND OF LIFE HE HAD LIVED. AS I STATED IN THE BEGINNING, THIS IS A MAN WHO LIVED A SHORT TIME, A LONG TIME AGO, AND A LONG TIME, A SHORT TIME AGO,-----AND IN THOSE SEVENTY FOUR YEARS, THERE WERE MANY CHANGES IN LIFE STYLE, CHANGES IN IDEAS AND CHANGES IN FAMILY SITUATIONS. THE CHANGES WERE ALL DIFFERENT AND EVERYONE CHOOSE TO DO THERE "OWN- THING". BUT I THINK DEEP DOWN IN THE HEART OF EVERYONE OF HIS KIDS, THEY LOVED TO GO BACK AND LOVED TO VISIT, AND THEY KIND OF REACQUAINTED THEMSELVES WITH THE BASIC VALUES OF LIFE THAT THEY HAD LEARNED---- ---------- RIGHT THERE ON THAT OLD FARM. ------ THE BASIC VALUES THEY LEARNED PROBABLY HELP THEM OUT, AND ALSO HELPED EACH OF THEM ADAPT THESE VALUES TO THERE OWN LIVES.

BUT TO GET BACK TO THE MAN, THE PERSON, "OLD SOD BUSTER". IF YOU EVER HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO DRIVE A TEAM OF HORSES, THERE IS SOMETHING THAT IS IMMENSELY GRATIFYING ABOUT IT ----ESPECIALLY WALKING ALONG BESIDE THE TEAM. ON OCCASION, YOU MIGHT BE ABLE TO RIDE ON A HORSE DRAWN VEHICLE, BUT IT IS SOMETHING VERY SPECIAL WHEN YOU ARE WALKING ALONG BESIDE THE HORSES, SEEING THE EARTH TURNED BACK , AND THE FURROWS OPENED, AND SEEING THE ROOTS OF THE GRASS, AND LITTLE BUGS AND CREATURES THAT

WOULD CRAWL OUT OF THE GROUND----------BUT THE THING THAT WAS MOST EXCITING WAS TO WATCH THE FURROWS OF SOD OR GRASS THAT WOULD TURN OVER AS YOU PLOWED THE GROUND. AND AS YOU WOULD GO,-------- YOU MIGHT GO A QUARTER OF A MILE AND THEN YOU MIGHT PULL BACK ON THE REINS, AND STOP. LET'S SAY, WE WAITED JUST A MINUTE OR TWO AND THEN LOOKED BACK, AND WHEN YOU LOOKED BACK YOU MIGHT SEE A BLACK BIRD FOLLOWING ALONG BEHIND, PICKING UP THE BUGS AND THE SLUGS, AND YOU JUST MIGHT GET A CHANCE TO SMELL THAT FRESH PLOWED EARTH. ONLY A FARMER, COULD UNDERSTAND ----AND APPRECIATE THAT SMELL OF FRESH TURNED EARTH ----------. THESE WERE A FEW OF THE KINDS OF VALUES THAT "SOD BUSTER" HAD. WE ARE NOT TRYING TO BUILD HIM UP AS A HERO, AND WE ARE NOT TRYING TO BUILD HIM UP AS A GIANT, HE WAS JUST A MAN.----------BUT WE ARE TRYING TO RECOGNIZE THAT HIS PHILOSOPHY THAT WAS SO BASIC, ALSO WAS SO GOOD. IT IS WITHIN AN ERA THAT WE TRY TO REMEMBER, BUT I AM SO AFRAID THAT WE ARE GOING TO FORGET IT. IT IS VERY HEALTHY, AND WE NEED TO KNOW ABOUT IT. THERE HAS BEEN MUCH WRITTEN ABOUT "THE BEST THINGS IN LIFE ARE FREE" OR "THE SIMPLE THINGS IN LIFE ARE FREE" ----------AND I REALLY BELIEVE THAT. ------AND THAT THE LESS WE HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT IS THE BEST, ALSO.....THE MORE SIMPLE AND THE LESS COMPLEX LIFE BECOMES THE MORE WE CAN ENJOY IT. ---------AND THIS WAS THE KIND OF LIFE THAT THIS MAN LIVED. HE LOVED TO GO OUT AND JUST TAKE A SHOVEL,(THIS WAS A NUMBER OF YEARS, AFTER HE WAS RETIRED) , AND GO OUT

AND CUT OUT TUMBLE WEEDS FROM HIS YARD OR GARDEN.

LET ME TELL YOU SOMETHING ABOUT THE MAN. I CANNOT TELL YOU TO MUCH ABOUT HIM AS A BOY, I DID NOT KNOW HIM AS A BOY. I KNEW HIM AS A MAN. HE WAS A BIG FELLOW, NOT EXTREMELY TALL, FIVE FOOT, ELEVEN OR SIX FOOT, PERHAPS. HE WEIGHT TWO HUNDRED AND THIRTY-FIVE TO TWO HUNDRED AND FORTY POUNDS. HE ALWAYS WAS KNOW TO WEAR A COWBOY HAT. IN SUMMER TIME IT WAS A STRAW HAT, AND IN THE WINTER IT WAS A FELT- TYPE HAT. HE USUALLY WORE A PAIR OF BOOTS,---------QUITE OFTEN LEVIS OR JEANS, AND HE OFTEN WORE A CHECKERED SHIRT. HE DRESSED THE WESTERN STYLE , HE CUT THE WESTERN IMAGE, RIGHT UP UNTIL HE DIED, AS I RECALL. HE WAS BORN INTO THE COUNTY AND INTO THE COUNTRY IN HARD TIMES AND HE WENT OUT IN HARD TIMES. HE CAME IN GOOD FASHION, - AND HE WENT OUT IN GRAND- STYLE. HE WAS BRAVE. HE COULD TOLERATE A LOT OF PAIN, HE COULD TOLERATE SUFFERING. HE HAD HIS SHORT COMINGS AS WE ALL DO. IF YOU REALLY GOT TO KNOW HIM, AND YOU CULTIVATED HIS RELATIONSHIP, YOU COULD APPRECIATE SOME OF THE THINGS THAT HE DID. HE DID NOT DO A LOT. HE DID NOT DO A BIG THING, HE DIDN'T DO EARTH SHATTERING THINGS, HE DIDN'T DO POLITICAL THINGS, BUT HE WAS A PERSON, THAT IF YOU WERE IN NEED, YOU COULD COUNT ON HIM.....AND HE WOULD COME THROUGH FOR YOU EVERY TIME. BUT IF YOU DID SOMETHING TO HIM YOU COULD COUNT ON HIM TO REMEMBER THAT, TOO. YOU WERE GOING TO HEAR ABOUT IT, TO SAY THE VERY LEAST. WHY I LIKE TO TALK ABOUT IT, IS IT ALL SEEMS TO FIT

TOGETHER. THE LIFE STYLE, THE TIME, THE THINGS THAT HAPPENED, AS I STATED BEFORE, HE WAS BORN IN 1906. THAT WAS THE EARLY PART OF THIS CENTURY, AS WE TALKED ABOUT IT, I REMEMBER--------HORSE DRAWN CARRIAGES, AND HORSE DRAWN PLOWS. EVERY THING WAS PULLED BY HORSES, OR A MAN RODE A HORSE. LATER ON CAME THE AUTOMOBILE OF TODAY, AND NOW WE ARE INTO ADVANCED SPACE TECHNOLOGY, AND TRIPS TO THE MOON. HE HAD SEVENTY FOUR YEARS FILLED WITH FABULOUS ACCOMPLISHMENT. WHILE IT WAS SIGNIFICANT ANYWHERE, IT WAS PARTICULARLY SIGNIFICANT BECAUSE OF THE PLACE IN WHICH HE LIVED AND PRINCIPALS IN WHICH HE BELIEVED IN. WHERE HE WAS AT THE SIMPLE LIFE WAS A LONG WAYS FROM THE TECHNOLOGY OF TODAY. BUT STILL YET, HE UNDERSTOOD IT, AND BELIEVED IN IT. HE WAS PATRIOTIC. HE BELIEVED IN HIS COUNTRY, AND BELIEVED IN THE RIGHT TO VOTE. HE BELIEVED IN THE RIGHTS OF EVERYBODY. AS HE WENT ALONG HIS WAY, RAISING HIS OWN FAMILY, HE CONTINUED TO TAKE THE IDEALS AND PRINCIPALS THAT HE HAD ADOPTED IN HIS EARLY LIFE AND APPLIED THEM TO THE LIVES OF HIS CHILDREN AND HIS FAMILY. HE CONTINUED TO HAVE HORSES, AND HORSE DRAWN VEHICLES. HE CONTINUED TO WORRY ABOUT HOW MUCH WATER THEY HAD, AND HOW DRY THE LAND WAS, AND HOW HIGH THE GRASS WAS.---------HOW GOOD HIS NEIGHBORS CROP LOOKED, AND WHAT HE COULD DO THE NEXT YEAR TO MAYBE DO SOMETHING A LITTLE BETTER. HE WONDERED HOW HE COULD HELP OTHERS. EVEN THOUGH HE HAD VERY LITTLE EDUCATION, HIS COMMON SENSE, HIS GRASP ON DAY TO DAY THINGS WAS MAGNIFICENT. HE HAD

AN UNIQUE WAY IN WHICH HE COULD IDENTIFY THE THINGS THAT WERE IMPORTANT, AND DEAL WITH THEM AND NOT WORRY TO MUCH ABOUT THE THINGS OVER WHICH HE HAD NO CONTROL. IF ANY OF YOU HAVE ANY PROBLEMS TODAY, YOU KNOW HOW DIFFICULT THIS CAN BE. HE SEEMED TO BE ABLE TO DO IT. --- HE COULD RATIONALIZE, HE COULD FIGURE OUT THINGS FOR HIMSELF, ------BUT HE WASN'T TO PROUD TO ASK QUESTIONS ABOUT THINGS THAT HE DIDN'T KNOW. HE WAS PROUD OF HIS FAMILY ----------YOU MIGHT NEVER KNOW IT, PERHAPS HE WOULDN'T EVER TELL YOU, AND HE PROBABLY DIDN'T TELL YOU----------BUT HE WAS PROUD OF THEM. I THINK HE WAS PROUD OF EACH AND EVERYONE IN THERE OWN WAY, OF THERE OWN ACCOMPLISHMENTS. HE WAS NOT A MAN WHO WAS GOING TO PUT PRAISE ON YOU. I THINK HE THOUGHT THAT WAS A SIGN OF WEAKNESS. HE DIDN'T WANT ANY ONE TO GET "SWELLED-UP" AND THINK THAT THEY WERE DOING A GOOD- ENOUGH -JOB. HE KIND OF LIKED KEEPING EVERYONE OUT THERE AND HANGING AND STRUGGLING TO GET HIS APPROVAL. EVERYONE THOUGHT IF THEY COULD PLEASE "OLE SOD BUSTER" THAT THEY HAD IT MADE. HE SOUNDS, FROM THE DESCRIPTION I'VE GIVEN YOU, THAT HE WAS " KIND OF DIFFERENT"----------AND HE WAS. HE WAS LIKE A WHOLE LOT OF OTHER PEOPLE WHO LIVED DURING THAT TIME.....JUST MAKING THE BEST USE OF THE THINGS THEY HAD LEARNED AND THINGS THEY KNEW HOW TO DO. TRYING TO SURVIVE THROUGH HARD TIMES AND IN TROUBLED TIMES. TRYING TO RAISE UP A FAMILY, TRYING TO ACCUMULATE AN ESTATE. IF YOU KNEW HIM WELL AND UNDERSTOOD HIM, HE COULD PROBABLY BE

ONE OF THE BEST FRIENDS YOU EVER HAD. FOR YOU SEE, I KNOW, BECAUSE HE WAS MY DAD! .....AND OFTEN TIMES, AS A LAD I REMEMBER THE VIOLENT DISAGREEMENTS THAT WE HAD. WE DIDN'T THINK- A- LIKE, A- LOT. AND I GUESS THIS IS NOT TO ABNORMAL. WE WERE GENERATIONS APART. BUT THE OLDER I GOT, BOY, THE SMARTER HE SEEMED! I COULD THEN SEE THE LOGIC IN SO MANY THINGS THAT HE SAID AND DID THAT WERE LATER HELPFUL TO ME. I'VE SPENT A LOT OF MY LIFE RESISTING AND FIGHTING BACK. .....BUT I KNOW THAT IT ALL PROBABLY HELPED ME TO STAY ON THE RIGHT TRACK. .....AND AS I THOUGHT ABOUT THIS LITTLE STORY TAPE I WASN'T SURE JUST HOW I COULD COVER IT ALL. (AND I AM NOT SURE THAT I HAVE COVERED WHAT ALL I WANTED TO SAY, IN ANY SENSE OF THE WORD), BUT I THOUGHT IT WOULD BE WORTH TALKING ABOUT IT AT LEAST, AND RELATING IT SO IT COULD BE WRITTEN SO PEOPLE COULD AND WOULD REMEMBER THESE THINGS PAST. THERE IS SO MUCH TO BE SAID FOR THAT SIMPLE LIFE, AND DAY- TO- DAY LIVING. YOU CAN GET UP IN THE MORNING AND SEE THE SUN SHINE BRIGHT, OR IF IT WAS A CLOUDY DAY----------THAT'S ALRIGHT, TOO . IF IT'S A WINDY DAY IT DOESN'T MATTER EITHER .....IF IT'S A RAINY DAY, THAT'S GREAT!! FROM WHERE I SAT, IT WAS ALL THE SAME. YOU JUST HAVE TO TAKE IT A DAY AT A TIME AND UNDERSTAND WHAT IS REALLY IMPORTANT! .....AND CONSIDER "WHAT ARE THE FINER THINGS OF LIFE?" REGARDLESS OF HOW MUCH WORK AND HOW MUCH TROUBLE AND HOW MUCH STRIFE, WE MUST NOT LOSE SIGHT OF THE SIMPLE LIFE, SO THAT WE CAN CONTINUE TO GROW AND TO PROSPER.

BUT , ONCE IN A WHILE IT DOESN'T HURT A BIT TO LOOK BACK AND REFLECT OF TIMES OF OLD ----------IT MIGHT JUST HELP A BIT.

IN TIMES OF OLD, THE STORIES THAT HAVE BEEN TOLD. I THINK IT'S GREAT AND I'M AWFUL PROUD TO SIT HERE AND TALK ABOUT THINGS THAT I BELIEVE ARE CORNERSTONES OF OUR SOCIETY AND I'M PROUD TO SAY I KNEW AND LIVED WITH A MAN WHO NEVER LOST SIGHT OF RIGHT AND WRONG, GOOD AND BAD. FOR YOU SEE, HE COULD HAVE BEEN THE BEST FRIEND YOU EVER HAD.....WHO AM I TALKING ABOUT?----------

YOU'VE GOT IT RIGHT----------

THAT WAS MY DAD!

THIS STORY WAS TRANSCRIBED TO THE BEST OF MY ABILITY, TO FULFILL THE WISHES THAT THESE THINGS BE WRITTEN DOWN AND NOT FORGOTTEN. THIS STORY IS IMPORTANT, FOR IT IS A PART OF OUR FAMILY HISTORY.

PER MARIE MILES BAUMGARTNER, DAUGHTER, NUMBER TWO.

SOD BUSTER AND HIS TEAM

SOD BUSTER AND 1ST TRACTOR

HIS WIFE AND 2 OF HIS DAUGHTERS

SOD BUSTER WITH WATER TRUCK

DIRECTING TRAFFIC
ANNUAL PARADE
RIVERDALE

SOD BUSTER'S PARENTS
MARRIED 1904
FRANCES E. WHEELER,
LIVED 1886-1962
HARRY MILES, SR
LIVED 1869-1916

GLEN ELMER AND SODBUSTER
NOTE THE RESEMBLENCE OF GLEN
ELMER TO GRANDPA HARRY MILES

BELOW IS A FAMILY PHOTO

LEFT - RIGHT IS: FRED AND FRANCES
COLEMAN, VIOLET MILES, HARRY JR.,
VINA AND GLEN MILES, GEORGINA,
MANIS AND STANLEY MILES, AND
FRIENDS, ERNIE AND MILDRED
BRISTOL

THE MAN BELOW IS HARRY MILES, JR.
HE WAS BORN WEEKS AFTER HIS DAD
HARRY, SR. DIED IN 1916
THE SMALLER CHILD IS ONE OF
SODBUSTER'S SONS

SOD BUSTER AND HIS SONS

SOD BUSTER AND HIS TEAM

SOD BUSTER AND HIS NEW BRIDE

SOD BUSTERS 3 DAUGHTERS

SOD BUSTER AND HIS WIFE

1904
Wedding Day
Albert & Lucy Jellison

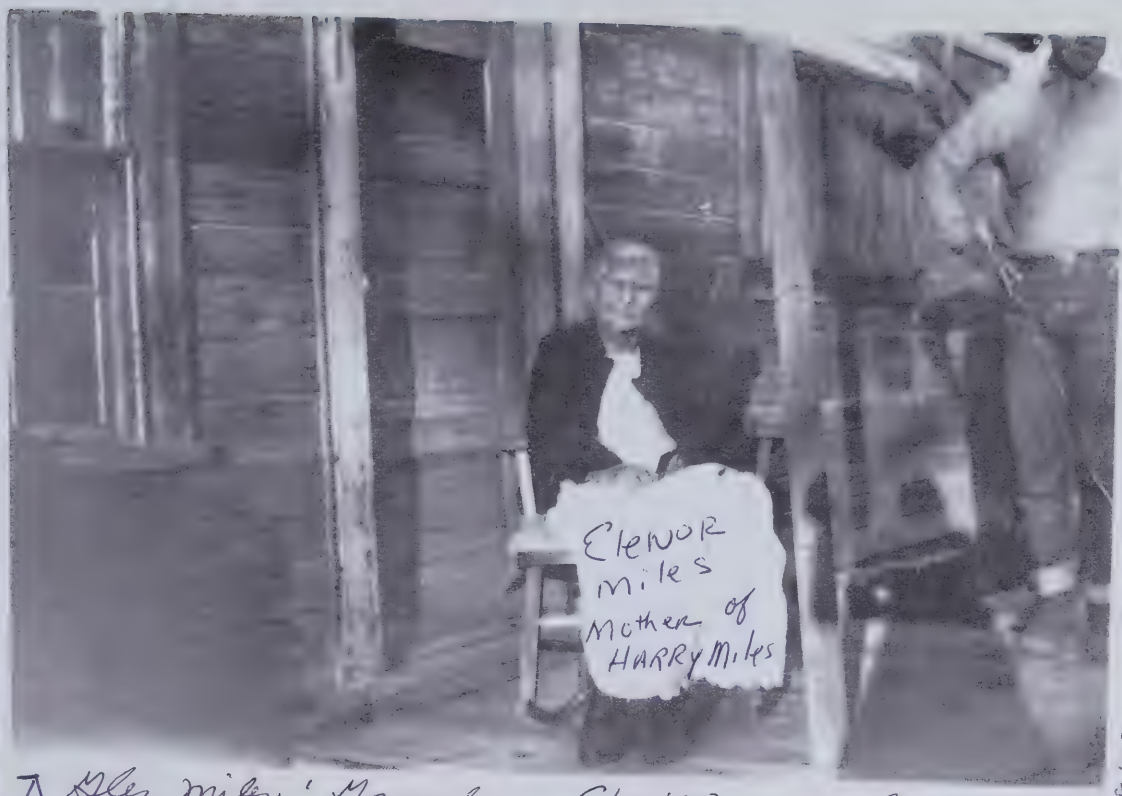
1954
50th ANNIVERSARY
Albert and Lucy Jellison

Lucy Mae Stewart
age 13

95

Wedding Lu and Mrs Marvel.
Elmer, Norma, Pat and I.
The last time we were
all together. Ä son.
Love/M. U and Mame

Lou's Wedding NOV 95 or 96
Lou Born 1946, Marie 1941
Pat 1939, Norman 1933 Glen 1929



↑ Glen Miles' Grandma ELENOR Miles BORN NOV 24, 1843 in CANADA

≈ Glen Miles

Glen Miles + His Grandma Elenor Miles — Mother to Glen's dad Harry Miles

Elenor Miles
Born ~~1833~~ 2 NOV 1843 ~~in New York~~ → Canada

Great Grandmother to Glen's Children

Our DAD was 10 YR OLD WHEN HIS DAD DIED 1916

HARRY's DAD married ~~Elen~~ → ELENOR

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Born
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Harry Miles
Born in
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9 Elenor
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BORN
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DIED 2
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14 Rob
BORN
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WHEN M
DIED
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15 Aug
BORN
WHERE
DIED 2 Feb 1926
WHERE Chester, Okla.

16
BORN
WHERE Ohio
WHEN MARRIED
DIED
WHERE

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A Miles, Grandma ELENOR Miles BORN NW24, 1843. IN CANADA

Glen Miles

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9 **Elenor**
BORN 24 Nov 1843
WHERE Canada
DIED 21 Jan 1928
WHERE Laton, Kings, Calif.

10 **Lewis Burley WHEELER**
BORN 25 Dec 1846
WHERE Androscoggin, Leeds, Me.
WHEN MARRIED 22 Oct. 1874
DIED 14 Nov 1914
WHERE Fresno, Fresno, Calif.

11 **Julia E. Gray**
BORN 18 Feb 1843
WHERE Dover-Foxcraft, Maine
DIED 21 Nov 1916
WHERE Fresno, Fresno, Calif.

12 **Robert JELLISON**
BORN 10 April 1843
WHERE Darke Co., Ohio ?
WHEN MARRIED 21 Feb 1875
DIED 5 Dec 1910
WHERE Chester, Major, Okla.

13 **Lydia A. BALL**
BORN 3 Feb 1855
WHERE Johnson Co., Iowa
DIED 24 Nov 1893
WHERE Beloit, Mitchell, Kan.

14 **Robert STEWARD**
BORN 18 Oct 1835
WHERE England
WHEN MARRIED 3 Oct 1861
DIED 8 Dec 1915
WHERE Seiling, Dewey, Ok

15 **Augusta Jane MITCHEL**
BORN May 1843
WHERE Ohio
DIED 2 Feb 1926
WHERE Chester, Okla.

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Sarah or Sally PARCHER CONTINUED ON CHART

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ALBERT Jellison
Aug 12 - 1879 To
Summer 1965

Lucy May Jellison
July 9, 1886
Died 1968 Approx

Otho-Robert Jellison
Died 1946 in
Dynamite explosion

My Mom, Vina Agnes
Jellison Miles
Born Aug 31, 1909
Died 3-11-66, Age 57

Sylvia Belle
Jellison Turcott

Harcel Jellison

Evelyn Jellison
Artist & Painter
Married No Children

Nila Bea Jellison
Minor had 2 kids
Artist & Painter

Note Born yet, mildred Jellison, Died age 7½ / Diabetic

Photos Taken
1927 Appr

A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE ALBERT JELLISON FAMILY

Written on the Occasion of their 60th Wedding Anniversary
November 9, 1964

Albert Jellison was born on Aug. 12, 1879 in Mitchell County, Kansas. His mother died when he was 1#. His family then moved to Oklahoma and settled near Chester.

Lucy Mae Steward was born on July 9, 1886 in a log ~~cabin~~ house 7 miles from West Plains, Missouri. (Her father migrated from England to the United States at the age of 6 months. Her parents moved from Ohio to Missouri before she was born.) The Steward family lived in this log cabin till Lucy was 13. It was so cold in the winter time that their light bread in the kithhen would freeze at night and they had to steam it in the mornings in order to use it. In order to keep their vegetable in the winter they dug a shallow hole in the ground, lined it with straw, then put in the apples, potatoes or cabbages, covered with straw and dirt, thus making a mound above the ground. They stored the cabbage roots up in the dirt that was put on top of them in order for them to keep better. Every fall the family killed 50 or 60 hogs and smoked and canned the meat. Her mother always baked a lot and it is amazing that they were able to do so much work. While living at this home in Missouri the family always had plenty to eat.

When Lucy was 13 the family moved to a 160 acre farm in Kansas in a covered wagon. They had been attracted to Kansas by pictures of large fields of grain shown them by someone trying to sell property in Kansas. Only he failed to tell them that it wasn't possible to grow a crop like that every year. They lived in a nice big house with a basement that was built to be lived in during the winter months in order to keep warm. However, her mother got homesick for the old home in Missouri because there were no trees in Kansas like she was used to. The family then traded this place for an 80 acre, unimproved piece of property near Chester , Oklahoma. Her dad cut the fields of grain with scythes and raked with home made wooden rakes.

It was in Chester, Oklahoma that Lucy Steward and Albert Jellison met. Their families both attended the same church, the Christian Church and attended the same social functions, box socials etc. They also had sisters about the same age. They were married in Tologa, Oklahoma on November 9, 1904 by the Justice of the Peace. The two of them made the 20 mile trip to Tologa in a horse and buggy. On the way they had to cross two rivers without the aid of a bridge. The water was getting big from recent rains. On the way back the water was so high it came up over the floor of the buggy. There was a reception for them when they

got back nome. Besides other refreshments they treated everyone wit a bucketful of hard candy. Albert had a homestead with a small hous built on it for them to move into when they were married. The walls were built of gypsum made into a kind of cement, with wood frames. Several years later they traded their homestead for a nice home in Lawton, Oklahoma. In no time at all the family grew homesick for th homestead and went back and rented a farm very near to their homeste

Albert was gone from home quite a bit freighting store goods wit his horse and wagon. Lucy always wanted him to bring ~~him~~ some cand when he came home. One time after he had arrived home from a trip she reached into a sack and popped into her mouth what she thought wa a piece of candy. It soon popped back out again since it turned out be a mothball. She was mad at him for quite awhile after that.

One time a rattle snake got into the house and they had a real time getting it out. They had to haul their water in big wooden barrels with the horse and wagon.

The first sermon that Lucy ever heard a Church of God Minister preach was over the telephone. Elder L.L. Pressler was holding a meet athe the West family home a few miles from them. Because of a bad st they roads were impassable and they couldn't attend. The telephone li had also been blown down, but Albert and Mr. West ~~the~~ wired the phone line to the fence and Lucy was able to listen over the phone while he preached to a group of people gathered at the Wests. (There happened t be no one else on the line.) Later that winter Elder Pressler held two meetings in the 1 room school house near by and in the spring of 1914 both Albert and Lucy were baptized. (Mr. & Mrs. West & Murray & Gaylord baptized at sam

When they partook of their first Lord's Supper some other Church God folks ~~walked~~ came over to their place to have it with them. Albert & Mr. ~~They~~ had b out working in the fields all day and their feet were really dirty for their first foot washing service. It embarrassed ~~them~~ them but the other folks didn't mind a bit and went right ahead with the service.

Their first car was a Model T Ford. Nobody knew how to drive it and they ebther couldn't get it started or didn't know how to start it. So ~~Grandma~~ Lucy got in and the rest of the family pushed to get it started down the hill on their place. Not far down the hill was a canyon. Albert thought sure she was going to go over the cliff but the motor started and she turned the steering wheel and drove safely back up the hill.

In 1923 the Jellison family moved from Oklahoma to California, In Oklahoma they knew the Henions, some of the Sheffields and Coles. They met Stuckers shortly before they left Oklahoma. They found out that Stuckers were also planning on going to California so the two families decided to travel together. They met Unzickers when they c to the public auction the Jellisons held on their farm before coming West.

The trip to California in their Model T Ford took 3 weeks. On the way the family slept in a tent at night. The family took their pet hen along with them. Every day when they stopped she laid an eg alongside the road. One night she went into someone's farm building close to the road and laid her egg. At night she roosted o the axle of the car. In California they settled on a 5 acre Fig Orchard near Fresno that they planned to buy. They stayed here 4 ye before moving on to Oregon.

When they arrived in California their family consisted of 5 children: Otho--16; Vina--14; Sylvia 11; Ircel--7; and Evelyn--5 years old. Ella Bea was born while they were living in California. Their youngest daughter, Mildred was born after the family moved on to Oregon.

In August of 1927 the family traveled to Oregon arriving first at the J.J. McGill home. They stayed with the McGill family near Harrisburg for a few days and then worked in the hops at Harrisburg and the apples at Monroe. The first Sabbath School they attended in Oregon was at the Yancy McGill home. Others attending were the Cantrels, J.J. McGills, Mike & Pearl Helms, Florence Curtis, and Crowsons. That Fall they rented a farm in the Dever Community, North of Albany. The same Fall the J.J. McGills, Yancy McGills, and Mike Helms also moved up in the same area. This was around the time that Yancy and Mike's first children were born or were small. They started holding church in the Dever Store building. This was the first public building in this area in which church services were held. Brother Unzicker was their part-time minister. In about 1929 or 1930 Brother Roy Dailey came out from Kansas and preached t the various Church of God groups in Oregon for several years.

Every family's history contains heartaches as well as joys and this is likewise true for the Jellison's. During the win ter of 1937(?) their youngest daughter who had Sugar Diabetes contracted pneumonia and died. In March 1946 Oldest Son Otho died in farm accident.

The Jellisons are the parents of 7 children, 5 of whom are still living. They have 23 Grandchildren and 37 Great Grand Children many of whom are members of the Church of God. The Jellison's have been faithful members of the Church of God for the past 50 years. We are sure that their lives have been an example, not only to their family, but to many other people as well. On this, their 50th Wedding Anniversary we want to offer them the heartiest of congratulations and wish them God's continued blessing and guidance in their lives. We want to add that we are extremely glad and thankful that Grandpa is well enough to be back in Church and that God has blessed them with good health these many years so that they may be up and about and out to church every week. No one learns and says the memory verse quite like Grandma does. God Bless you, Grandma and Grandpa.

Glen N. Miles — Laton Calif

Born — Place — Laton, Fresno, California

Chr. — Place —

Mar 29 Feb 1928 — Place Jefferson, Linn, Oregon

Died 19 Aug 1980 — Place Fresno, Fresno, Calif.

Bur. — Place Oak Grove Cemetery, Laton, Kings, Calif.

Wife: Vina Augusta JEL

Ward Examiners: 1. 2.

Stake or Mission: Chico Stake

HUSBAND'S FATHER Harry MILES — HUSBAND'S MOTHER Frances Euretta WHEELER

HUSBAND'S OTHER WIVES md 2) Dorothy Mae Harris Ruff, 8 Sept 1966

WIFE Vina Augusta JELLISON

Born 31 Aug 1909 — Place Fairview, Major, Oklahoma

Chr. — Place —

Died 11 Mar 1966 — Place Hanford, Kings, Calif.

Bur. 14 Mar 1966 — Place Oak Grove Cemetery, Laton, Kings, Calif.

WIFE'S FATHER Albert Street JELLISON — WIFE'S MOTHER Lucy Mae STEWARD

WIFE'S OTHER HUSBANDS

SEX M F	CHILDREN List each child (whether living or dead) in order of birth. Given Names SURNAME	WHEN BORN DAY MONTH YEAR	WHERE BORN TOWN	COUNTY	STATE OR COUNTRY	DATE OF FIRST MARRIAGE TO WHOM	WHEN DIED DAY MONTH YEAR
1 M	Glen Elmer MILES	12 Apr 1929	Riverdale	Fresno	Ca.	4 Nov 1949 Louise Keith (Div)	
2 M	Norman Albert MILES	11 Aug 1933	Wheatland	Yuba	Ca.	13 Oct 1950 Ethel Deon Davis (Div)	
3 M	Patricia Jean MILES	29 Oct 1939	Riverdale	Fresno	Ca.	10 Oct 1959 John Harshbarger	
4 F	Marie Frances MILES	14 Sept 1941	Riverdale	Fresno	Ca.	21 June 1959 Vernon McPherson (Div)	
5 F	Lucille Mae MILES	6 Sept 1946	Riverdale	Fresno	Ca.	Apr 1963 David Morgan (Div)	
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7							
8							
9							
10							
11							

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

1. Family record of father Glen Miles.
2. Personal knowledge of Norman Miles.
3. Family record of Aunt Sylvia Jellison Turcott, Albany, Oregon.

OTHER MARRIAGES

#1 Glen md 2) Aug 1964, Mary Margaret Jackson
#2 Norman md 2) 23 Sept 1965, Betty Jo Goodman
#4 Marie md 2) Gary Baumgartner
#5 Lucille md 2) Apr 1966, Donald Lawson(Div
Lucille md 3) 19 Sept 1970, Richard Bennett

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#1 Marie

2

Glen Miles

3

Vina Augusta Jellison Miles

4

Harry Miles 1869

5

Frances Wheeler, Miles, Coleman

6

Albert Street Jellison

7

Lucy Mae Steward Jellison

Miles GREAT GRAND FATHER 1833 NY 8	Elenor M. Miles GREAT GRAND MOTHER 1843 Born Canada 9	GREAT GRAND FATHER 10	GREAT GRAND MOTHER 11	GREAT GRAND FATHER 12	GREAT GRAND MOTHER 13	GREAT GRAND FATHER 14	GR GR MO 15

17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30

#1 Marie J. Miles McPherson Baumgartner, #2 Glen N. Miles, #3 Vina A. Jellison Miles

#4. Harry Miles SR., #5 Frances E. Wheeler Miles Coleman, #6 Albert Street Jellison,

#7. Lucy Mae Steward Jellison

Ellen & Vina Miles
Sylvia & Henry Truscott
Around 1928

Vena & Sylvia
are
sisters

Allen + Vera Miles
Sylvia + Henry Turcott
Around 1928

Sylvia is sister to V. MA

Grandma Jackson —

daughter

Vina Stacy

her daughter

Vina Jackson

Grandma

On middle, Lucy

Jackson, our

Grandma, (our great great

Grandma)

To her left = our Mom

Vina

To Right is Vina's Sister

Sylvia.

Tall Girl is our

Mom - Vina

Jean Jackson

(Vina) '3'

Jackson] sisters

of

Grandma's

Elmer — Last Age 4 or 5
Born April 12 1929
~1933

Norman not BORN Yet

1934

Frances Coleman, Elmer Glen Miles, V. Nell Miles

A "Get together" at Grandma Colemans.

Far left in BACK - Glen Elmer M. Les
Far Right Uncle Stanley
In M.D photo — Mama (V. Nell)
Child in front is Pat Smith
To Pat's left is Marie Mills
In front of Elmer is Grandpa Fred Coleman
grand ma Frances Coleman

a Hat occasion - ?? Not sure why -
Standing: Uncle Mann, Aunt Vi, Hidden
is Fred Coleman, in front of him, Grandma
Frances Coleman, Vina Mills, ? Pauline, ?
Uncle Stanley, Georgia.
Man squatting - don't know, little girl
may be Helen ?? Seated Uncle Bert
with Elmer Mills

Cousins + us Dr
Oregon + Long Long
Time Ago.
I ma, hair Bear
your mom
10 or 11
12 or 13
??

Lo, ould Be S-
Of that is
Time

About 3 years old.
about 1 year old

Kathy + Mane
Miles
around 1942

Pat Miles Hank Barge
10-30-'39
(age 4 here)

Mary Miles Baumgartner
DOB 9-14-41
(age 2 here)

Vera Miles & 2 Sisters

Evelyn

Miles Bea

Grandma Coleman & Fred.

Pat, Lou, Marie
Norman
Glen Miles

1973
Came to
visit from
Louisiana

March 1973

Marie And Glen and
the Boys - Judy

DAD's Funeral
Day
Aug. 22, 1980

Norman Miles
PAT, Lucille
Glen E. Miles
Dorothy Ruff Miles
our Step Mom
Married 66 - To
Aug 1980

Marie, Ellen and Mike
Mary, Norman
Taken at Uncle
Stanley Funeral
Time. ? 1994 ?
Hotel in Fresno, Calif

PREMIUM
HP ~~Dnjet~~

Taken in Pahrump -
We took Pat + John out
To visit DAWNA, Glenda
and Glendas
girl Britney.

4 Generations

Photo
say
2008

2008 - ??
I am Guessing.

THE END

PALLBEARERS

Scott Degroat

Shawn Mc Daniel

Alfred Walls

Krystalle McDaniel

David Walls

Brady Miles

Steve Walls

Pierce Murphy

DEDICATION OF THE GRAVE: Cliff Steele

Memorial Program from Norman & Betty's son, Andrew Paul Miles.

Andrew Paul Miles

October 14, 1970 – August 21, 2023

Loving Son, Brother, Uncle

PRAYER TO SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER

Great Saint Francis,
well beloved and full of charity,
in union with you I reverently adore
the Divine Majesty.
I give thanks to God
for the singular gifts of grace
bestowed on you in life and of glory
after death, and I beg of you,
with all the affection of my heart,
by your powerful intercession,
obtain for me the grace to live
a boly life and die a holy death.
I beg you to obtain for me
{mention your petition).
But if what I ask is not for the glory
of God and for my well-being,
obtain for me, I beseech you,
what will more certainly
attain these ends.
Amen.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

Conducting.....Bishop Todd Lewis

Organist.....Karen Drummond

Chorister.....Melissa Atkins

Opening Song.....#98

"I Need Thee Every Hour"

Opening Prayer.....Rick Capps

Eulogy.....David Walls

Speaker.....Danielle Wahl

Closing Remarks.....Bishop Todd Lewis

Closing Song.....#108

"The Lord is My Shepherd"

Closing Prayer.....Tony Martinez

Retire to Glenn Oaks Memorial Park
11115 Midway – Chico, CA 95928
Lunch will be provided for the family
after the grave site back at the Stake Center
2430 Mariposa Avenue – Chico, CA 95926

SUPPLEMENTAL ADDENDUM

I was given a large, padded envelope in October 2023, just before entering the Mission Training Center for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, by way of my brother Rodney Norman Miles. Inside the envelope was a folder containing a story written by our Aunt Marie Baumgartner called "The Old Sodbuster." The story was about her dad, Glen Norman Miles, my grandpa. Marie mailed the envelope to Rodney on May 29, 2019.

In the folder each page was in a page protector. But, in the back pocket of the folder were several additional papers and an envelope filled with photographs. To preserve this additional information, I photocopied the notes on the back of each photo and mounted them with the photo, then placed each of the papers and photos in page protectors and secured them in the folder. On February 9, 2025, my father, Norman Glen Miles, gave me verbal permission to digitize this piece of our family history. I am grateful to Internet Archive and Family Search that made this project possible.

Glen Norman Miles, 'The Old Sodbuster', is my grandfather on my father's side. I am the eldest child of Norman Glen Miles and Ethel 'Deon' Davis's seven children. Mrs. Joyce Parkes

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